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SUBJECT: OMVS MEETING IN NOUAKCHOTT

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1. SUMMARY: OMVS GROUP OF EXPERTS CONCLUDED SESSIONS IN NOUAKCHOTT ON JULY EP AND COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OPENEDD THEIR MEETING ON FOLLOWING DAY. OMVS GOALS WERE OUTLINED IN KEYNOTE SPEECH. OMVS OFFICIALS CONFIRMED THAT DONOR ORGANIZATIONS WILL MEET IN DAKAR OCTOBER 16-17 AND OMVS CHIEFS OF STATE WILL HOLD FORTH IN NOUAKCHOTT IN DECEMBER. END SUMMARY.

2. OMVS EXPERTS UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF MOTAMED OULD AMAR MET IN NOUAKCHOTUJULY 28-30. EXPERTS DESIGNATED THREE SUB-COMMITTEES: ;A) FINANCIAL AND INSTITUTIONAL. IT DISCUSSED FINANCIAL SITUATION OF ORGANIZATION UP TO JUNE 30, 1975, CONTRIBUTIONS OF OMVS MEMBER STATES, AND STATUTES OF PERMANENT INTERSTATE COMMISSION CHARGED WITH CONTROL AND REGULATION OF SENEGAL RIVER (534. SENEGAL REQUESTED THAT THIS SUB-COMMITTEE UNCLASSIFIED

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ALSO INVESTIGATE CIVIL PROTECTION AND EQUIVALENCY OF

DIPLOMAS. (B) FINANCING. IT REVIEWED FINANCING OF OMVS PROJECTS, FINANCIAL TERMS, SECTOR UTILIZATION, INVESTMENT COST, AND DISTRIBUTION OF EXPENSES AMONG VARIOUS SECTORS (IRRIGATION, NAVIGATION, ENERGY). (C) TECHNICAL. THIS SUB-COMMITTEE WAS CHARGED WITH PREPARING NEXT MEETING BETWEEN OMVS AND DONOR SOURCES. IT ALSO DISCUSSED REPORT OF OMVS LEGAL AND FINANCIAL EXPERTS, TERMS OF REFERENCE OF INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS, MANATALI AND DELTA DAMS, PORTS AND RBORS.

3. MAURITANIAN MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND CURRENT PRESIDENT THF OMVS COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, DIOP MAMADOU AMADOU, OIPED 4TH ORDINARY SESSION OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ON JULY 31. IN HIS KEYNOTE SPEECH, WHICH WAS GIVEN BEFORE BEVY OF GIRM MINISTERS, CHIEFS OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS, AND LOCAL PRESS CORPS, AMADOU SAID ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF OMVS PROGRAM ARE (TEXT OF SPEECH BEING POUCHED TO AF/W AND AID/AFR/CWR):

MANATALI HYDROELECTRIC DAM
DELTA IRRIGATION DAM AT DIAMA
RIVER PORTS AT SAINT LOUIS AND KAYES
IMPROVEMENT OF HARBORS AND CONDITIONS OF
NAVIGATION ON SENEGAL RIVER

AMADOU REMINDED GATHERING THAT FOUR PROJECTS CITED ABOVE HAVE AS THEIR OBJECTIVE PRODUCTION OF ABOUT 800 MILLION KILOWATT HOURS OF ELECTRICAL ENERGY, YEAR-ROUND NAVIGATION OF SENEGAL RIVER FROM SAINT LOUIS TO KAYES, AND IRRIGATION OF 440,000 HECTARES OF LAND FOR INTENSIVE CULTIVATION. AMADOU ALSO NOTICED THAT FOLLOWING JULY 1974 MEETING IN NOUAKCHOTT OF POTENTIAL DONORS, 40,180,000,000 CFA HAS BEEN PLEDGED FOR OMVS PROJECTS.

4. MOHAMED OULD AMAR ANNOUNCED EARLIER IN WEEK THAT MEETING OF OMVS DONOR NATIONS AND GROUPS WILL TAKE PLACE IN DAKAR OCTOBER 16-17. AMADOU SAID DURING OPENING SPEECH THAT OMVS CHIEFS OF STATE WILL MEET IN NOUAKCHOTT IN DECEMBER. HANDY SIDE

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